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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2014-399-WS. Joint Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated; United Utility Companies, Incorporated; Utilities Services of South Carolina, Incorporated; and Southland Utilities, Incorporated for Approval of Transfer of Stock and Merger.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Thank you for forwarding Don Long's correspondence to the Public Service Commission of November 19, 2014 regarding the above referenced application. Please accept the following response to Mr. Long's request on behalf of Carolina Water Service, Inc.

Mr. Long requests that the Commission reject Carolina Water Service's motion for expedited review and waiver of a hearing, and that the Commission hold a public hearing in Lake Wylie or in Columbia. Carolina Water Service does not believe that a public hearing is necessary in this docket, and submits that holding the requested hearing would only subject the parties and the Commission to undue expense and delay.

Carolina Water Service filed its application and attached consolidation plan in order to clearly spell out the intended sequence of events. Carolina Water Service will request authority to consolidate in two phases. The first phase, which is the subject of the present application, entails the legal consolidation of Utilities Inc.'s four operating entities in South Carolina. As is clear from the application and the consolidation plan, customers' rates will not be affected by approval of the legal consolidation of the operating entities. The customers of each entity will continue to service under their currently approved tariffs.

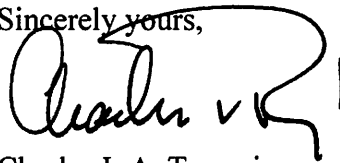
The second phase of the consolidation would take place when the consolidated Carolina Water Service files its next rate case. As stated in the consolidation plan, Carolina Water Service believes that it will ultimately be desirable for its service to be offered under a uniform tariff. However, the company is presently not prepared to file a rate case, and it does not have a specific proposal for consolidated rates at this time.

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It is the second phase of the consolidation process, not the application presently before the Commission, which seems to concern Mr. Long. His concerns are a matter for another docket. Therefore, Carolina Water Service would urge the Commission to grant its motion for expedited consideration and avoid the unnecessary expense of a public hearing in this matter.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L.A. Terreni", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Scott Elliott, Esquire
Mr. Richard J. Durham

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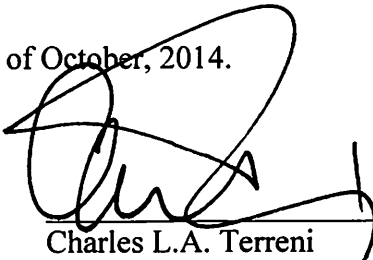
This is to certify that I, Charles L.A. Terreni with the Terreni Law Firm, LLC, have this day caused to be served upon the person(s) named below sending a copy of a Letter to Jocelyn G. Boyd, dated November 20, 2014 by electronic mail at the following addresses:

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And, by United States Mail at the following addresses:

Mr. Don Long
14 Sunrise Point Court
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Dated at Columbia, South Carolina this 20th day of October, 2014.



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